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SUBJECT: CORN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 55748

1. ON MARCH 5, GOS REDUCED VARIABLE LEVY ON  
CORN TO 894 PESETAS PER M.T. (SEE TOFAS 34)  
AT CIF BILBAO PRICE FOR NO 3 YELLOW CORN  
OF DQWW PER M.T. AND WITH PRESENT EXCHANGE  
RATE OF YYMY TESETAS TO THE DOLLAR, VARIABLE  
LEVY IS NOW 11 PERCENT, WHICH COMBINED WITH  
NORMAL DUTY OF 1.2 PERCENT AND COMPENSATORY  
DUTY OF 8 PERCENT REDUCES EFFECTIVE IMPORT  
CHARGES TO 20.2 PERCENT AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT  
TRADE SOURCES EXPECT PRESENT VARIABLE  
LEVEL TO BE REDUCED FURTHER ON MARCH 12.

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2. IMPORT CHARGES ON GRAIN SORGHUM ARE FAR

BELLOW 20 PERCENT WITH PRESENT VAIABLE LEVY  
OF 416 PESETAS PER M.T. AND SAME NORMAL AND  
COMPESATORY DUTIES IMPOSED ON CORN.

3. IT APPEARS THAT ENTIRE PURPOSE OF TEMPORARY VARIABLE LEVY  
INCREASES DURING FEBRUARY WAS NOT TO RESTRICT  
GRAIN IMPORTS PER SE, BUT TO TAKE IMMEDIATE  
SHORT TERM POLITICAL ACTION TO  
FAVOR LIMITED NUMBER OF DOMESTIC CORN  
PRODUCERS WHO WERE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES  
IN MARKETING THEIR HIGHER PRICED GRAIN.

4. FIFTEEN DAY VALIDITY FOR IMPORT LICENSES STILL  
IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO TRADE SOURCES  
THIS IS NOT IMPEDING NORMAL FLOW OF CORN FORM  
U.S. BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES, CORN IMPORTS  
FROM EC SOURCES ARE MINIMAL. FIFTEEN DAY  
LICESESE VALIDITY PROBABLY AFFORDING  
U.S. EXPORTERS SOME ADVANTAGE OVER OTHER SUPPLY SOURCES IN ARGENTINA,  
BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA SINCE THEY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EFFECT  
SHIPMENTS WITHIN RESTRICTED LICENSING PERIOD.

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY BELIEVES  
THERE IS NO REASON TO RAISE MATTER WITH GOS AT THIS  
TIME. WE SHALL, HOWEVERN MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY  
AND REPORT SIGNIFICAANT CHANGES.  
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